



WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

The following tips will save money and energy while staying comfortable during the cold winter months. These tips can be used to increase your savings and ensure maximum savings through the winter.

Take Advantage of Heat from the Sun

- Open curtains on the south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat the home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- Adjust the temperature.
- When you are home and awake, set the thermostat as low as is comfortable.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn the thermostat back to save as much as 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A smart or programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature. But make sure the temperature is comfortable for pets!
- If you have a heat pump, maintain a moderate setting or use a programmable thermostat specially designed for use with heat pumps.

Find and Seal Leaks

- Find out how to detect air leaks.
- Learn more about air sealing new and existing homes.
- Seal air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows. Find out how to select and apply the appropriate caulk and weather-stripping.

Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule routine service for home heating systems.
- Replace furnace and heat pump filters once a month or as needed. Find out more about maintaining furnaces or boilers and heat pumps.
- Regularly clean the flue vent of wood-burning and pellet-burning heaters and clean the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that it is heating efficiently. Find other maintenance recommendations for wood-burning and pellet-burning appliances.

Lower Water Heating Costs

- Keep the temperature of the water heater to the warm setting (120°F). This will not only save energy, it will also help avoid scalding. Find other ideas for energy-efficient water heating.

Lower Holiday Lighting Costs

- Use light-emitting diode -- or "LED" -- holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating the home for the winter holidays.
- Learn about the advantages and potential cost savings of LED holiday light strings.
- Find manufacturers and brands of ENERGY STAR® certified decorative light strings.

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGES

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are almost here! Please note that Newark Municipal Offices and Alderman's Court will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, 2023.

Due to the Christmas Day holiday, trash normally collected on Monday, December 26 will be collected on Tuesday, December 27. Trash normally collected on Tuesday, December 27 will be collected on Wednesday, December 28.

Due to the New Year's holiday, trash collected on Monday, January 2 will be collected on Tuesday, January 3. Trash normally collected on Tuesday, January 3 will be collected on Wednesday, January 4.

Please note: The last "Green Wednesday" yard waste collection will be Wednesday, December 7 and will return on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The City will have scheduled collections during this time. Please call (302) 366-7000 to schedule. **Carts will only be collected if scheduled.**

The Leaf Collection Program will continue through Friday, December 30, 2022. All leaves must be raked to the grassy plot between the curb and the sidewalk by Friday, December 23, 2022.

Christmas trees will be collected beginning Tuesday, December 27, 2022 and continue through Friday, January 27, 2023. Crews will sweep the entire City once per week during this time. Please make sure trees are out for collection each week by Monday at 7 a.m.

Trees will not be collected after January 27, 2023.

Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

WINTERFEST

Winterfest promises to be a wonderful addition to the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. on the Academy Building Lawn. Holiday entertainment, roasting chestnuts, caroling, tree lighting, ice carving demonstrations, and much more will fill this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family. Winterfest is a joint effort by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the University of Delaware. The Delaware Special Olympics will be holding their Annual Reindeer Run in conjunction with Winterfest (www.sode.org). Rain date is December 3.

SANTA'S SECRET SHOPPE

Children are invited to participate in Santa's Secret Shoppe at the George Wilson Center on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This unique and cost effective holiday event gives children the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends with a pint sized price tag. All items will be priced \$5.00 and under and will be gift wrapped for free. Volunteers will be on hand to assist children with shopping.

SNACK WITH SANTA

The holidays are coming! Get into the spirit by joining Santa on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for snacks, crafts, games, and a relaxed visit at the George Wilson Center. We encourage you to bring your camera to capture some special moments. Come and start the season off right! Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. No pre-registration required - pay \$2/person for ages 2 & up at the door.

PRESENTS WITH POLICE

Over the past few years, many families have struggled to provide for their children during the holidays. The Newark Police Department in the past has received toy donations which allowed us to provide toys for those in need. This year the Newark Police Department, Newark PAL, and Newark Parks and Recreation have teamed up to assist those in need who are residents of Newark or whose children attend schools in the city limits of Newark. If your family or a family you know is in need of assistance for children up to 14 years old and would like to receive presents for the holiday season, please register with the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department at www.newarkde.gov/play. Pre-registration is required. New unwrapped toy donations will be accepted from November 7 to December 14 and can be dropped off in the Lobby at the City of Newark Municipal Building located at 220 South Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

WELCOME TO THE CITY!

The City of Newark is welcoming new faces to our workforce. The new employees include:

Michael Gallagher, Communications Officer, Police Department, 10-31-2022

Dylan Mayes, Water Plant Operator, PW&WR Water Division, 11-21-2022

WINTER'S COMING....

PROTECT YOUR RAIN BARREL!

- Disconnect the rain barrel from the downspout
- Clean the barrel of any sediment
- Drain water & leave spigot open to drain
- Store indoors or cover with tarp for extra protection

PLEDGE TODAY!



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